

The trial of John M. D. Fanshawe, indicted for arson, was set down for February 16.

The jury in the Burns indictments for forgery, cannot be tried for two weeks. He is reported to be very sick, and is now out on bail at Hot Springs, Ark. One of his counsel, W. Bourke Cochrane, is in Europe.

The trial of Jack Brown will begin on Monday. Several months ago he struck a boy on the head with a rolling pin and death followed.

Strangled, Knocked down and Robbed  
in the Heart of the City at an  
Early Hour in the Evening.

ONE OF THE VICTIMS VERY ILL.

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Although the Crime Was Committed at the Foot of an Elevated Railroad Station the Highwaymen Made Good Their Escape.

Miss Nettie Becket, an eighteen-year-old girl, who lives with her parents at No. 509 Eighth avenue, was the victim of an atrocious assault last night. Her companion, Miss Lizzie Ruckett, who lives at No. 260 West Nineteenth street, was also roughly handled, but escaped without serious injury. Miss Becket was robbed of \$5, which she carried in her pocket book, and was so affected by shock that she was thrown into hysterical convulsions.

The assault was perpetrated by four ruffians, at the corner of Fifty-eighth street and Sixth avenue, directly under the elevated railroad station, about half past six o'clock. The spot is poorly lighted, and very few people are about there at that hour. Miss Becket was removed to a drug store near by and afterwards taken to St. Luke's Hospital in an unconscious condition. She suffered a succession of hysterical fits for over an hour, despite the efforts of the phy-

Who her assailants were is unknown, as they appeared in Central Park before the men who were attracted by the girl's screams could reach the spot. All four were well dressed and were apparently well acquainted with the neighborhood. The police are looking for them, but up to a late hour last night no arrest had been made, although Miss Becket was able to furnish an accurate description of one of them.

Miss Bocket and Miss Ruckel are employed in Wiher's photograph studio, Madison avenue and Fifty-ninth street. Usually when through with their work they pass down Madison avenue to Fifty-eighth street, thence eastward to Sixth avenue and take the train down town. Last night they followed the usual route. When half a block from the station they saw a train about ready to start and ran to catch it.

Standing on the corner were the four men who appeared to be engaged in a fight among themselves. Miss Ruckel was slightly in advance of her companion, and when she got to within a few

feet of the men one of them sprang forward and seized her around the waist. She screamed and struggled to free herself. Another of the gang turned to her and she came to her feet and ran to the throat. He threw her roughly against the fence on the corner and knocked her pocketbook out of her hand.

A COWARDLY RUFFIAN.

The force with which she struck the fence caused her to fall on the pavement. She staggered to her feet and the ruffian caught her a second time.

Miss Russet had been in the meantime released her and ran back to the railroad stairs for help. When she saw her on and fell in a hysterical

Half a dozen men ran down stairs, but reached the spot too late. They just saw the men disappear around the corner of Fifth-ninth street.

Miss Beckett was the first to recognize the dead woman. The contents of her pocket scattered on the pavement around her.

"We thought she was dead," said Policemen Thomas Byrnes, who ran up from Fifth-ninth street when he heard the girl's screams. "She looked so pale, stretched out on the sidewalk."

The ambulance that was summoned from Roosevelt Hotel arrived in a few moments, and, if the statements of eye witnesses can be relied upon, the ambulance surgeon should have been arrested for his brutality. In the first place he intimidated Miss Bucket was under the influence of liquor, and then said that she "was all right and would recover in good time."

He refused to take her in the ambulance, and after causing a cloth with ammonia he applied to the girl's nostrils.

The fumes nearly suffocated her. Then the "surgeon" raised her to her feet, and while holding

They were compelled to work with her over an hour. She lost consciousness several times after being placed on a cot.

"There were no marks or bruises," said the house surgeon. "on her neck, but she was suffering from nervous shock."

A bruise on her head where, it was stated,

the pavement. She is apparently suffering from hysteria."

Miss Rucket was badly scared. She related the above facts when I saw her at her home, No. 2 West 195th street, last night.

Miss Becket is a handsome brunette and an artist by profession. She is delicate, however, and has been a sufferer from hysteria for a number of years.

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### FAILURE OF AN OLD FIRM.

BARNUM & CO. THE CLOTHES VOICED

**CLOSE THEIR STORE.**

Barnum's clothing store, at Nos. 196 to 200 C ham square, one of the landmarks of the city, was closed yesterday, after a business career of forty six years. The business was carried on by Stephen C. Barnum and George Crosby under the firm name of S. C. Barnum & Co. They made a general assignment yesterday to Thomas S. Fitch, giving preference to William K. Hinnan for \$6,000, and the Oriental Bank for \$12,500, all for proper loans.

Mr. Pritch said yesterday that he did not think the liabilities would amount to \$75,000. The assignment was the result of dull trade, depreciation, poor collections, hard times and general depression in business. The trade in fine clothes had decreased greatly in that locality during the last three years. It had gone to other places, and what was left was so cheap that there was nothing in it. He said the creditors would eventually be paid in full. The assets were mainly in stock.

Mr. Crosby, of the firm, said he did not care to say anything about the liabilities or assets, but he hoped the firm would come out all right.

It was understood that the store property on Chatham square, valued at \$100,000, has been transferred to his wife, the deed being recorded on Tuesday, at which time he also transferred property on Sherman avenue to his wife.

The house is one of the oldest in the trade, and formerly very successful, especially during the war and was reported to have made a great deal

mony, during the last few years the trade in the city has been steadily increasing. The business was established in 1845 by P. C. Barnum and Crosby Barnum, under the firm name of P. C. Barnum & Co. They continued together until about thirty years ago, when P. C. Barnum retired. He was then said to be the largest land owner on Long Island, except the late A. T. Stewart. The old firm name was changed to Joshua Barnum & Son, the name of the latter being changed to J. H. Barnum. He died in March, 1895, and Joshua Barnum died in March, 1894. On January 1, 1885, Mr. Crosby was admitted as a partner, and the name was changed to S. C. Barnum & Co. Three years ago Mr. J. H.

Mr. Barnum was awarded \$80,000 for his claim against the city for land taken at Brewer's farm for Croton water purposes, which was to have been paid last September. Numerous suits have been begun against the firm during the last year, some of which went to judgment, but it is said they were settled some time ago.

Judge Brady, of the Supreme Court, opened the Court of Oyer and Terminer yesterday, and assigned dates for the trial of enough cases to occupy the attention of the court for fully a month adjourned until Monday next, when the trials will begin.

The calendar was made up of nine murder cases, three under indictment for manslaughter, three for arson, one for forgery and one for libel. Among

The cases of murder, warrant of Alphonse J. S. phant, who is under indictment for the killing of Lawyer Reynolds, William F. Howe and Dan Dougherty are his counsel. Owing to the absence of the latter from the city the trial was put over the first Monday of March.

Cornelius Curtin, whose brother was recently convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to a life imprisonment for stabbing

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It appears that the great and growing west side of the Park does not take all of the plums in the real estate market. Before the business on the Riverside Estate Exchange opened yesterday, I was informed that Daniel Henessey had sold a beautiful residence at the northwest corner of Madison avenue and East Seventy-first street at private contract for \$100,000 to J. J. Mahoney. The Henesseys built this house on a lot of 25x100. The price, realized from a gentleman who is closely allied to the best experts in the market, shows that their judgment was not at all at fault.

When the business in the auction market began yesterday a number of capitalists congregated in front of the stand of Auctioneers Smyth and Ryan. They had in charge the sale under decree of foreclosure of No. 5 East Seventy-second street, a five-story dwelling, one hundred feet west of Madison avenue. The property was owned by the late John A. B. Smith, who had died last year. It was reported that there was a mortgage of \$50,000 on it which had to be satisfied. Mr. Myer Finn, a well known capitalist, bought the house yesterday for his own occupation. He paid \$100,000 for it. He has a number of friends as to the acquisition of a grand residence at a great bargain. This house adjoins the well known residence of Louis C. Cullen, the attorney at law, at No. 10 East Seventy-second street.

street.  
Auctioneer John F. B. Smyth sold three private houses, all three story dwellings, known as Nos. 214, 216 and 240 West 23rd street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, at \$11,100, each to William H. Falne.  
No. 18 West Thirty-seventh street, a four story factory building on lot 36x100, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, was disposed of by Auctioneer Harnett at \$2,000 to H. W. Feasenden.  
An increase in real-estate sales the following sales were held yesterday:  
By John T. Boyd—Nos. 230, 222 and 224 East Ninety-eighth street, three five story tenements (unfurnished), on plot 76x100, to Samuel Goez for \$22,500.

By William Kennedy-No. 247 West 134th street, a three story dwelling on lot 109,9, 11 east of Eighth avenue, to Mather & Co., at \$10,000.

RECORDED TRANSFERS.

Cannon, st. 81, 85, 30; John Solomon et al. to Adolph Roth et al. \$82,000  
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Frederick Lawson to J. A. Francis..... 191,000  
Murray, 14, 15 and 16, 38th place St. 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 87

Nicholas Eckert	375
42nd St. n.e. 3d av. 16, 10x100; 11	
El. Heimbarg and wife to Daniel Vosler, Jr.	
Cedar st. s.e. 120 ft. w. of Tinton av. 50x100; 11	
118th st. n.e. 188 ft. e. of Pleasant av. 20x100; 10	2,250
Herman Wronski to James Wronski	11,250
20th st. n.e. 62.6 ft. e. of 1st av. 10x100; 9	
John K. Van Kessel to Mary K. Van Kessel	
125th st. s.e. 250 ft. e. of 2d av. 50x100; 11	
E. Yost to Yvonne Yost	8,000
10th st. n.e. 100 ft. e. of 1st av. 10x100; 9	
Wm. L. Mitchell to Nettie L. Mitchell	
74th st. 33 West, Patrick Farley to Minnie Far-	44,000
Sullivan et al. s.e. 234.6 ft. n.e. of Prince st.	30,000
Same property; Elias Jacobs and wife to Chris-	

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94th St. & 1st Ave. 20x100, 8.	30,000
John H. Gray and wife to H. Friedman.....	30,000
94th St. & 1st Ave. 20x100, 8.	30,000
name to Marcus N. Marks.....	30,000
50th St. s. e. 40th ft. e. of 10th av. 10x100, 6.	30,000
125th St. s. e. 180 ft. w. of 4th av. 20x101, 11; William N. Gray and wife to H. Friedman.....	30,000
71st st. s. e. 155 ft. e. of 3d av. 20.11x102.2	30,000
Alfred Abraham to Theresa Abraham.....	30,000
Locust St. & 1st Ave. 20x100, 8.	30,000
150x100; Ann Bronsing to Martin Walter.....	1,500
RE-DEEMED MORTGAGES.	
Amidon, George N. to the Bank for Savings	
Hank, s. e. 83d st. s. e. of West 4th av. 1 year.....	\$20,000
100x100; George N. Amidon to the Bank for Savings	
w. of 10th av. 5 years.....	73,000
Decker, David H. and wife to the Bank for Sav-	

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REAL ESTATE MEN REJOICE.

THEY CONGRATULATE THE LEGISLATION ON THE RAPID TRANSIT ACT.

After business hours yesterday the Rapid Transit Committee of the Real Estate Exchange met in the Board room. Ex-President George Hobart Scott who presided, vacated his chair temporarily and moved the adoption of the following resolution:—

Whereas the importance of rapid transit to the development and welfare of the city of New York has been frequently urged by the exchange and both branches of the State Legislature; and whereas this Exchange has

schemes which have been propounded for the solution of the question; and whereas the Exchange fully recognizes the wisdom of the measure, and is in hearty sympathy with it in passing a measure which should place the collection of the taxes upon the property of the city in the hands of an impartial commission; and whereas in the opinion of the Exchange such a measure has been passed by the Legislature, and approved of by the Governor.

Now, therefore, on behalf of the members of the Exchange, as well as the property owners of the city of New York, the undersigned do hereby certify to the Governor, the Senate and the Assembly their cordial congratulations upon the successful completion of this most difficult task, fully recognizing the fact that but for the concurrence of both branches of the Legislature, and the approval of the Governor, the result so important to the city of New York, would not have been attained.

THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

tion expressed the views of all of those owners and taxpayers interested in the development of New York.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted, and it was ordered that engrossed copies should be sent to Governor Hill, to Speaker Sheehan and Lieutenant Governor Jones.

**RAN AWAY AND WERE MARRIED**

Calvin Abrams, a young telegraph operator, was until recently employed by the Long Island Railroad Company at Pearsalls, where he became acquainted with a winsome maiden of sixteen, named

Mamie Johnson. The acquaintance between the two soon ripened into a warmer feeling. The young man, who was the son of Mr. Isaac Baylis, who lives near the railway station the village.

The couple were seen to board a train, and it was indeed long rumored around that they had eloped. The young man had previously sent a note to his home, requesting that his lunch be sent to Baidwin. About the time the note reached the house, the young man had also been seen to board a train. The rumor reached there also. In their anxiety and excitement the boy's parents in reading the note misinterpreted the word "lunch" for "trunk," which confirmed their suspicions that the couple had eloped. The young couple returned

home last night, and the boy denied that there had been any compromise. The investigation, however, showed that the boy's said father had been taken place and that the ceremony had been performed by the Rev. Mr. Buchanan, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Ocasville, whose suspicions had been aroused at the youthful appearance of the couple. On being questioned they claimed, however, that they were of age.

There is still some uncertainty as to the boy's and his girl wife, but the affair has seemingly created a wide breach between the two families.

**CHARITY FROM HERALD READERS**

Yesterday's donors to the HRAHS sent \$13 more yesterday for the once wealthy Southern family now in distress in this city, making \$288 50 already contributed. The contributions yesterday were: From a gentleman in Savannah, Ga., \$6; H. H., \$6; Little Willie and Clarence, \$1; "In His Name," \$1; A. M. H. M., \$1. From "In His Name" also came \$1 for poor Pete Plank. Robert T. Parker sent \$5 for Mary Clifford, who attempted to commit suicide and was sent to a hospital. "I hope it will do her some little good," say the giver.